

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL  
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008, commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

**MINUTES**

**Present:-** Mrs Lidgate, Mr Wilson, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Leech, Mrs Roberts

**In Attendance:-** Mrs Collins (Clerk)

- 1 **Mrs Lidgate was elected as chairman for the ensuing year** (proposed by Mrs Roberts and seconded by Mrs Leech). **Mrs Mowat was elected as vice chairman for the ensuing year** (proposed by Mrs Watkins and seconded by Mrs Lidgate).
- 2 **Apologies for absence were received from** Mr Bradford, Mr Adlam and Mrs Mowat
- 3 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 4 **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- 5 **Resolved to approve the following Advisory Groups (approved terms of reference appended):**
  - Iver Recreation Ground Group** (it was noted that the allotment reps have resigned and that the clerk has a possible nomination for Iver Heath but none for Iver. It was suggested that the cub leader might wish to take on this role for Iver as the cubs have taken an allotment).
  - Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group**
  - Iver Heath Sports Association** – noted that Tony Gould has resigned as secretary of Iver Heath Rovers and that Mr Aldridge has taken over. Clerk to invite him to the next IHSA meeting specifically.
- 6 **Resolved to nominate councillors to serve and chair on each group as follows:**
  - Iver Recreation Ground Group** – Mr Bradford, Mr Clark (chairman), Mrs Mowat and Mrs Lidgate.
  - Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group** – Mrs Roberts, Mr Adlam, Mrs Lidgate (chairman) and Mrs Mowat.
  - Iver Heath Sports Association** – Mrs Roberts, Mrs Lidgate (chairman), Mrs Mowat.
- 7 **RESOLVED** to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following advisory group meetings:-
  - (a) **Iver Recreation Ground Group** – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008
  - (b) **Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group** – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- 8 **RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008 (appended). Noted that the £8,000 grant for the bus shelters was received after the financial year end and that the £45 spent on repairing the football lock had been refunded by the football club.
- 9 **Other reports from the Clerk:**
  - (a) Training on the bollard at Iver Heath Recreation Ground. All those required are now trained apart from Cllr Wilson. A date will be set to do this if he wishes although verbal instructions were given at the meeting.
- 10 **Budget Monitoring** – budget to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 was noted and approved (appended). It was noted that the Sports Pavilion budget was approximately £7,500 overspent and that £4,500 of this was for the council approved new fencing adjacent to St David's Close, £3,000 on cutting the hedges and re-laying the path to Anslow Gardens (council approved) and that £2,000 had been spent on contractors for the football pitches when the groundsman died suddenly and in the period of time during July and August when there were no grounds staff. The Amenities account is over budget by £22,500 but that the £8,000 grant recently received from BCC for the bus shelters brings this down to £14,500. Of this £5,000 was spent on the council approved work to the clock tower, £2000 on contractors for the football pitches when the

groundsman died suddenly and in the period of time during July and August when there were no grounds staff, £3,000 on the removal of water and electricity and drainage to the changing rooms that required demolition in Iver Recreation Ground (approved by Council), £3,000 on the new play area and car park for Iver Recreation Ground (additional expense for protection of lamp post and sleeper edging to the car park and seats) and £1,500 for vehicle/tractor repairs. Budget for 2008/2009 (also appended).

- 11 **Costs of employing maintenance team** – brief details appended were noted and the Committee agreed that the additional estimated £5,000 per annum over employing contractors means a better service and that jobs get done that wouldn't otherwise be done.
- 12 **Bus Shelters** – the committee reviewed the shelters in Swallow Street following the complaints received during the public session of the parish council meeting. After a long discussion of all the options it was agreed to ask the maintenance team to investigate the possibility of opening up the sides of the one at the junction with Norwood Lane so as to discourage the young people from using it as a shelter and to allow users to see whether the bus was coming. Clerk to write to residents in the vicinity of the bus shelters saying that the Council is not intending to take them away as it was put there at the request of residents but would urge you that if you see anything illegal or you are subjected to abuse, which is an offence, please telephone the police.
- 13 **Seats – Resolved** to approve the purchase of 2 replacement seats (like the ones recently purchased by the bus stop in the High Street and in the new play area) – one at the top of Swallow Street (previous one removed over a year ago) and one at the Love Lane end where seat is broken and cannot be repaired.
- 14 **Litter Bins and Dog Bins – Resolved** to approve the purchase of 3 cheap litter bins (£150 each) to replace those that have been destroyed in the recreation grounds and 2 more dog bins following requests from residents – one in each recreation ground (£200 each).
- 15 **Recreation Grounds:**
  - (i) **Iver Heath** (a) bollard/kerbing in front of tennis court. Bisons still have not delivered. Cllr Leech will continue laising with them. (b) possible project in the summer to revive the artwork on the wall. Some funding possibly from Thames Valley Partnership as before. Sally Tugwell and Chris Bond of the District Council are liaising to see whether this project could be combined with the other project planned for Iver Heath already. Resolved to approve the project. Noted that there is an issue of some funding for it which the Clerk will put to the Policy Committee as the information was too late for this meeting. (c) received a request from a resident (through Mrs Roberts) for bollards to protect her fence at eastern side of entrance. Resolved not to place bollards on that side. (d) verbal request from the Bowls Club for a recycling centre was received but the committee did not think it would be a good idea to place this in the Iver Heath recreation ground (e) considered an informal request from the police regarding possible re-location of the Evreham youth meetings. This was to try to alleviate problems in Swallow Street and one suggestion was to temporarily move the youth clubs to Iver Heath recreation ground and the room that Sally uses in the pavilion. The committee did not agree to this but said that Sgt Bryan could speak to them some more about it if he wished.
  - (ii) **Iver** (a) new car park area is open and has been partially re-laid by Kebbell Homes. Noted. (b) considered the comments in the Iver Rec Group minutes regarding dog mess. Resolved not to ask the maintenance team to clean the recreation ground of dog mess. (c) considered the request from Iver Rec Group to investigate Communities Funding (information appended to the agenda). The clerk was asked to speak to Stewart Pomeroy at Groundwork about the possibilities. (d) fitpoint repairs estimate £637.81 – not believed to be dangerous. Agreed not to repair this piece of equipment but to think about replacing it in the future if a suitable piece was found at a suitable price (perhaps another ex display model from Saltex).
- 16 **Dog Control Orders** – reviewed the situation as per decision at the January meeting. Resolved not to make the Order but to use a polite notice instead for a trial period of 3

months. Sign to read along the lines of “For the safety of people using this area please keep your dog on a lead and pick up after it. There is a fine of £50 for not picking up after your dog.”

**17 Rights of Way Improvement Plan and revised definitive map and local access forum annual report** available for Councillors to review. Noted.

**Graffiti on private property**—Please give details of location and owner of the equipment/property to the Property Services department of SBDC.

Date of Next meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

**CHAIRMAN**